

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Fifteen years.	
(b) Preparatory Class	54
Form I	41
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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any rule prescribing the minimum strength of students for enhancing the status of a middle school to a high school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is no definite Rule. But the department is insisting on a strength of at least 20 to 25 pupils in the case of the high school classes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the English middle school at Nedumangad has not yet been raised to a high school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The strength of the III Form is only 24. The strength of form IV will be only 18 or 19 provided all the promoted boys decide to Join the school. The circumstances do not seem to justify the opening of a high school immediately at Nedumangad.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that the strength is not encouraging simply because there is no scope for higher studies in that school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am afraid I cannot follow that argument.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that years ago, when the department thought of discontinuing the high school classes of Neyyattinkara, the same conditions prevailed in that school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): From the figures given in answer to part (b), does not the member think that there is a wastage of education in Nedumangad?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not like to answer that question, because it may wound the susceptibilities of the Honourable member for Nedumangad.

PRESIDENT: Further, it is a matter of opinion.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know why Nedumangad was backward in English education?

PRESIDENT: I believe you are not going to insinuate because it is represented by Mr. S. J. Nair. (*Laughter.*)

Kottayam-Vaikam Bus Service.

DS. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a direct or through bus service between Kottayam and Vaikam;

(b) if not, what is the reason for not granting one direct or through service between Kottayam and Vaikam ;

(c) whether any representation was made to Government or the Traffic authorities regarding the urgent necessity for granting a direct service between Kottayam and Vaikam ; and

(d) if so, what happened to those representations ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : (a) No.

(b) The reasons are that—

(i) 15 buses of Ettumanur-Vaikam Motor Union are running service between Ettumanur and Vaikam ; and

(ii) Buses which start from Kottayam to proceed to Meenachil, Krattupetta, Thodupuzha and Alwaye have to run on the Kottayam-Ettumanur road.

(c) Yes.

(d) It was rejected.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know the reason other than the one mentioned in the answer for not granting a through bus from Kottayam to Vaikam ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : There were a number of buses running from Kottayam to Ernakulam passing Vaikam. Those buses dropped on account of want of passengers. There are ever so many motor boats running between Kottayam and Vaikam and between Kottayam and Ernakulam, and passengers are able to go at a cheaper rate by resorting to motor boats. The result is that there is dearth of passengers for using the bus. On these grounds, it does not serve the public interests to open a through service from Kottayam to Vaikam. There will also be unhealthy competition.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether there is a bus from Kottayam to Ettumanur ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : No.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether there was any representation for opening a bus service between Kottayam and Vaikam ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : What is the nature of that representation ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : To run a bus service.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether a petition signed by business men, for running a through service, was sent to the Police Commissioner for report ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : There are already bus services running between Ettumanur and Vaikam. From experience, the Commissioner has come to the conclusion that there is no necessity for a through service between Kottayam and Vaikam. Just to serve a bus-owner's interests it is usual to bring forward representations, signed by the public, without any substance. Such petitions have come in larger numbers. It is the duty of the Commissioner to consider all aspects of the matter and come to a decision whether there is genuine grievance in the petition.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): What is the distance between Kottayam and Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): 24 miles.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Will it not serve the public interests if a through service is allowed to run between Kottayam and Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It was tried between Kottayam and Ernakulam passing through Vaikam; and that experiment failed.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Is there any through service between Kottayam and Ernakulam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There were, but none now.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Are there applications for running such service now?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): I want to make a statement. The Commissioner says that there were through bus services between Kottayam and Ernakulam and not between Kottayam and Vaikam. Is that position tenable?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Was there any through service between Kottayam and Vaikam at any time?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No. Not between Kottayam and Vaikam.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the department is not issuing G Permits for running a bus between Kottayam and Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I have already said that there are buses between Kottayam and Ettumanur and between Ettumanur and Vaikam and they may be taken advantage of.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether there was any application for running a through service between Kottayam and Vaikam and now pending with the department, or an application recently made but rejected by the department?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There was an application; but it was rejected.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether it has not been the practice of the Government to issue G. Permits, as far as possible, to bus owners to run between important places in the State?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether Government still consider that through service between Kottayam and Vaikam would not be conducive to the interests of the public?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There are various difficulties in the way. I have already explained that there is no necessity for such a service. Now a bus owner may apply to make

an experiment in his own way. It is found that it is not advisable to give such a permission. It will not be in the interest of the bus owner himself, and it may also tell very hard on other bus owners who are already running their buses in the route.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether, in the case of a passenger who wants to go to Vaikam from Kottayam, the journey through Ettumanoor would not be greater, cause serious inconvenience, additional expenditure, delay and various other inconveniences?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I have made a thorough enquiry into the matter. People are now taking the cheap waterways. They are not going in for buses now. Over and above this reason, the two other services already in the route would be seriously affected.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is it not possible for the Government to cancel the G. Permits to buses that run between Kottayam and Alwaye and give the same to other applicants who want to run service between Kottayam and Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Not possible.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know how, when a bus owner applies for a G. Permit to run a service from Kottayam to Vaikam Government rules, would be infringed by cancelling the license granted to run buses to other stations between these places?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It is not merely a question of granting G. Permit to an applicant. It is a question of public interest and public utility. There is no public interest to be served by granting such a permit. It is for the authorities to decide whether there is real necessity or not to grant the permission applied for. The bus owner may try to make an experiment in his own way. But it is for the authorities to see how far the experiment will succeed. It will also be ruinous to the owners of buses who are already in the line. There may be 200 applicants today to conduct the services on different routes. If we grant permits to all these applicants, it will go to the ruin of the other bus owners.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the number of buses that run from Kottayam either to Meenachil or Alwaye via Ettumanoor?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I think it is more than 20.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the timings to buses that start from Ettumanoor to Vaikom are so adjusted as to give convenience to the passengers that go from Kottayam to Vaikom?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Yes, it is so adjusted.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the number of timings there is equal to the number of timings that is given to buses that run from Kottayam to Meenachil *via* Ettumanoor?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the Kottayam—Alwaye bus service passes through Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No. There is no service like that now.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether there is bus traffic between Kottayam and Ettumanoor *via* Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Vaikam is beyond Ettumanoor and not between Kottayam and Ettumanoor.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilvankod*): May I know whether the representation was from the general public or from the bus owners?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): From a section of the public through the bus owners.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

94. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam D*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the stage the Hydro-Electric Scheme has reached;
- (b) whether the services of the Madras Electrical Chief Engineer have been requisitioned by the Travancore Government in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme;
- (c) if so, why;
- (d) whether he has submitted any report about the works thus far completed and about the works yet to be done and
- (e) when the Government hope to complete the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The stage at which each of the several items of work comprising the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme has reached at present is given below:

1. Water Tunnel:—It has completely been excavated. Portions of the tunnel where the ground is unreliable are being lined with concrete.

2. Head Works:—The plan and estimate for this as per the design finally settled as a result of the visit of Consulting Engineers, Signor Marcello and Major Howard, are under preparation and its construction will be taken up after monsoon.

3. H. P. P. Line:—A length of 7089 feet of double penstock pipe-line against 7447 feet have been laid, fitted in position and completely erected and the balance 358 feet will be laid early in 1112.

4. Pallivasal Power House:—The building has been completed. The foundations for the machinery have been laid. Two 5,000 K.V. A. alternators and pelton wheels have been installed. The outdoor 66 K. V. switchgear and the indoor 11 K. V. switchgear and the indoor 11 K. V. switchgear and the control gear have been erected. The cabling and erection and drying out of the transformers alone remain to be done early in 1112.